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This book examines the composition and context of folklore on college campuses, contrasting its more individual character today with its communal traditions in times past, and interpreting what these traditions reveal about the role of students in American society and culture. An introductory section examines the role of folklore in higher education throughout U.S. history. In a section titled "Remember the Tests," the book covers the academic side of college life, including legends and beliefs about exams, grading, cheating, and professors. Under "Remember the Fun" the book covers the social side, such as class competitions, dorm games, practical jokes, singing events, seasonal festivals, sports rituals, and fraternity and sorority traditions. "Remember the Homework That Never Got Done" focuses on various scares and distractions from studies, such as stories of ghosts in the library. A final section offers legends and customs about graduation. Includes over 500 references. (JDD)

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